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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 31 and 37 to 39 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-52 (all partially and insofar as applicable)

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 18 to 24, 26, 29 to 31, 33, 34 and 37 to 39 relate to compounds ("an agent") defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely their property to alter the activity of the claimed protein or to influence its expression.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to antibodies and ribozymes, as referred to in claims 18 and 23, and antisense nucleic acids, as mentioned in claim 30.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

Invention 1: claims 1-52,
all partially and insofar as applicable

an isolated olfactory G protein-coupled receptor having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 2, isolated nucleic acids encoding said protein, represented by SEQ ID NO:1, vectors and host cells containing these nucleic acids, methods for the identification of modulators of said protein and methods for the detection of said protein or the nucleic acids encoding it

Inventions 2 to 115: claims 1-52,
all partially and insofar as applicable

an isolated olfactory G protein-coupled receptor, isolated nucleic acids encoding said protein, vectors and host cells containing these nucleic acids, methods for the identification of modulators of said protein and methods for the detection of said protein or the nucleic acids encoding it,
wherein each separate invention is represented by an odd numbered polynucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 3 to 229 and an even numbered protein sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 4 to 230,
wherein invention 2 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 3 and 4, invention 3 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 5 and 6, continuing to invention 115, represented by SEQ ID NO: 229 and 230

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